

urgent concern to them, so that they may be debated. Perhaps, as an example, they could be debated during an expanded adjournment debate. I would like to emphasize, Madam Speaker, that when hon. members put motions under Standing Order 43 it is not because they wish to stand up and apply hit and run tactics toward a particular minister. Nor is it cowardice that makes hon. members put motions under Standing Order 43, rather than ask questions. It is not cowardice at all; it is desperation in an attempt to get the floor.

All hon. members should consider the problems not only of Madam Speaker but of many hon. members and their frustration in trying to bring up important and urgent topics about their constituencies.

Madam Speaker: I take note of the remarks made by the hon. member. I would only add that if the members co-operated in making their motions under Standing Order 43 briefer, we could get more in, and that also applies to the question period.

MR. TOWERS—INTERPRETATION OF STATEMENT MADE BY
PRESIDENT OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL

Mr. Gordon Towers (Red Deer): Madam Speaker, I have a very brief point of order. I think that it casts a reflection on you, Madam Speaker, when the government House leader says, and I believe that I heard him correctly, that motions under Standing Order 43 take up to 20 minutes. As you know, prayers take five minutes and are usually completed by 2.05. I have noticed that you have been very punctual, Madam Speaker, in going on to oral questions, as the orders prescribe, no later than 2.15. Therefore that would leave us with about ten minutes for motions under Standing Order 43.

Perhaps the House leader would like to look at his blues, and if he did say that motions under Standing Order 43 take 20 minutes, which I believe he did, he will wish to correct the statement and not leave this reflection on you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Yvon Pinard (President of the Privy Council): Madam Speaker, just to clarify very briefly, when I referred to the phrase "20 minutes" I was not referring to the time used for motions under Standing Order 43. I was referring to the time used on the frivolous question of privilege raised by his colleague.

MR. EVANS—REPLY TO QUESTION RAISED IN DEBATE BY MR.
BLENKARN

Mr. John Evans (Parliamentary Secretary to Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance): Madam Speaker, on Monday night the hon. member for Mississauga South (Mr. Blenkarn) asked a question. At the time I did not have the answer. I have that answer now, and if I could have the unanimous consent of the House I would read it into the record.

Privilege—Mr. Dionne (Northumberland-Miramichi)

[Translation]

Madam Speaker: Order. We are reverting to the request of the hon. parliamentary secretary who asked for the unanimous consent of the House to answer a question. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Madam Speaker: The hon. Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance has the floor.

[English]

Mr. Evans: Madam Speaker, on Monday night the hon. member for Mississauga South asked how much of the government borrowing was raised under the borrowing authority of \$7 billion which came into effect November 1, 1979, and which terminated on March 31, 1980. The answer to that question is that \$4.6 billion of the Borrowing Authority Act of 1979-80 was used. This use took the form of \$1.6 billion in the form of treasury bills, and \$3.2 billion through the issue of marketable bonds and finally, \$2 billion was credited to the account through the paying off of drawings on the standby credit facilities.

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MR. DIONNE (NORTHUMBERLAND-MIRAMICHI)—STATEMENTS
MADE DURING PRIOR PROCEEDING

Mr. Maurice A. Dionne (Northumberland-Miramichi): I will be very brief, Madam Speaker. I want to speak on the comments made by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles) and the hon. member for Vancouver-Kingsway (Mr. Waddell) on the question of privilege.

Some hon. Members: No, no.

Some hon. Members: Order.

Mr. Dionne (Northumberland-Miramichi): I did not interrupt hon. members. They should listen now.

Madam Speaker, I want to say very briefly that the Postmaster General (Mr. Ouellet) did indeed answer my question very completely. I want to raise a point of order—

[Translation]

Madam Speaker: Order. I have ruled on that part of the question which was raised. If the hon. member wants to speak of parliamentary language, I will hear him, but I think I have already ruled on the part he is commenting upon, so I can no longer recognize the hon. member. The hon. member for Northumberland-Miramichi.